

Amendments to the Claims

1-20 (canceled).

21. (previously presented) A method of forming a cutting edge on a dispensing carton for film, foil, or paper, the method comprising:

supplying a roll of tape to an application station, the tape having a polymeric backing coated with an adhesive on one side;

applying a length of the tape to a length of carton board and laminating the tape to the carton board; and

cutting the carton board and tape lengthwise to separate the carton board into carton blanks and form a cutting edge on each carton blank.

22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the cutting of the carton board and the tape forms a serrated edge in the tape and along the cutting edge of each carton blank.

23. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the carton blank comprises a front panel, a bottom panel, a rear panel, and a lid.

24. (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the cutting edge is formed on the front panel.

25. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the tape comprises a backing formed of a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyethylene and polypropylene.

26-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the carton board and tape are cut simultaneously such that (i) the tape and (ii) the front panel or lid each have a matching profile that together form the cutting edge.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the tape is applied in registry with predetermined adjacent edges of the carton blanks cut from the carton board.

30. (new) The method according to claim 21, wherein the roll of tape is preformed with the adhesive coated on one side of the polymeric backing.

31. (new) The method according to claim 21, wherein the backing has a thickness between about 2 mils (0.05 mm) to about 7 mils (0.18 mm).

32. (new) The method according to claim 21, wherein the adhesive is a hot melt adhesive.

33. (new) The method according to claim 32, wherein the tape is applied to the carton board with one or more heated rollers.

34. (new) The method according to claim 21, wherein the backing is corona treated.

35. (new) The method according to claim 21, wherein the backing is heat resistant between about 160°F (71°C) and about 350°F (177°C).

36. (new) The method according to claim 24, wherein the cutting edge projects above the edge of the front panel.

37. (new) The method according to claim 36, wherein the portion of the cutting edge projecting above the edge of the front panel is free of the adhesive.